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for the

DARTMOUTH AND TOTNES PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

Guildhall,  
Dartmouth,  
March 1965.



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TOTNES PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE  
DARTMOUTH AND TOTNES PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1964.

To the Chairman and Members

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

In accordance with my statutory duties I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1964.

There has been no change in the Port Health District of Dartmouth and Totnes as constituted in the year 1888 by a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board.

SECTION I - Staff - No Change.

SECTION II

Amount of Shipping entering the District  
during the year 1964

TABLE B

Ships from	No.	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage infectious disease on board
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Port Health Inspector	
For'gn Pts	232	12,223	5	232	NIL
Coastwise	16	3,722	3	16	NIL
TOTAL	248	15,945	8	248	NIL

### SECTION III

#### Character of shipping and tonnage during the year 1964

TABLE C

Passenger Traffic	(Number of Passengers	INWARDS - Nil
	(Number of Passengers	OUTWARDS - Nil
	(Principal IMPORTS - Timber, Cement. Thatch	
	(	Chipboard
	(Principal EXPORTS - Nil	
Principal PORTS from which ships arrive - Baltic, Waterford and Rotterdam		

Ships proceeding up river to Totnes - Total - 47

Timber - 41

Thatch - 1

Chipboard - 5

Shipping entering the port shows a decrease both in number (14) and tonnage (17,814) as compared to 1963.

SECTION IV - Inland Barge Traffic - Nil.

SECTION V - Water Supply

1. - No change - S. W. Devon Water Board.

2. - Nil.

3. - Precautions taken against contamination of hydrants and hosepipes - Flushed regularly and before use.

4. - Number of water boats - No water boats at present in service.

SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952 -  
No Change.

SECTION VII - Smallpox

- (1) Name of Isolation Hospital to which Smallpox cases are sent in the district :- Liskeard Smallpox Hospital is the first-line reception hospital and Lee Mill Hospital at Ivybridge is designated as the second-line hospital.
- (2) Ambulance is provided by the Plymouth Ambulance Service via Torquay. The Devon County Ambulance Service, headquarters at Torquay, is responsible for the ambulance and ambulance crews are vaccinated yearly.
- (3) Names of Smallpox consultants available:  
Dr. W.H. St. John-Brooke, West Cornwall Hospital, Penzance.
- (4) Facilities for Laboratory diagnosis of Smallpox:  
The Virus Reference Laboratory, Colindale, London, N.W.4. or through the Public Health Laboratory at Bradnich Place, Gandy Street, Exeter.

SECTION VIII - Venereal Disease - No change

SECTION IX

Cases of Notifiable and other Infectious Disease on Ships

TABLE D

Category	Disease	No. of cases during year		No. of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases from ships from foreign ports	-	-	-	-
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival	-	-	-	-
Cases from other ships	-	-	-	-



TABLE F

De-ratting Certificates and De-ratting Exemption Certificates  
issued during the year for ships from foreign ports

No. of De-ratting Certificates issued					No. of de-rat'g exempt'n Certs Issued	Total Certs Issued
After fumigation with		After trap'g	After pois'n'g	Total		
HCN	Other fumigant (state method)					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Nil	Nil	-	-	-	-	-

SECTION XIII - Inspection of ships for nuisances

TABLE G

Inspections & Notices

Nature and number of		Notices served		Result of serving notice
		Stat'ry Notices	Informal Notices	
General examination of crew's quarters, heads water supply, store rooms, hold and bilges	248	Nil	Nil	-
Total	248	Nil	Nil	-

SECTION XIV - Public Health (Shell-Fish) Regulations 1934 & 1948  
No change.SECTION XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens - No change.SECTION XVI - Miscellaneous

There has been no change in the arrangements for burial of  
infectious cases or of the disposal of smallpox cases.

## SECTION X

### Observation on the Occurrence of Malaria in Ships

NIL

## SECTION XI

### Measures taken against ships infested with, or suspected for

Plague

NIL

## SECTION XII

### Measures against Rodents in Ships from Foreign Ports

1. - Procedure for inspection of ships in Ports:  
Routine inspection of ships entering Port by  
Port Health Inspector.
2. - Arrangements for bacteriological and pathological  
examination of rodents with special reference to rodent  
plague is carried out by the Public Health Laboratory  
at Exeter.

Number of rodents sent for examination during the year

NIL

3. - There are no arrangements in the District for de-  
ratting ships.
4. - Procedure in the rat proofing of ships - Nil.

### TABLE E

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign  
ports

Category	Number
Black Rats	
Brown Rats	NIL
Species not known	NIL
Sent for examination	NIL
Infected with plague	NIL
	NIL



During the year 1964 the following patients were treated  
by me

(1) at the Dartmouth and Kingswear Hospital:-

One case - Pyelitis of Pregnancy

One case - Acute Gout.

(2) At the surgery or at the Dartmouth and Kingswear Hospital  
as outpatients:-

Upper respiratory tract infections - 4 cases

Innoculations and vaccinations - 4 cases

Minor ailments - 8 cases

Minor injury - 2 cases

Cystitis - 1 case

1. There were no cases of Venereal Disease or infectious disease.
2. All Foreshores, Quays and Jetties have been inspected and found satisfactory.
3. Sewer outfall satisfactory or under surveillance.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient Servant,

A.D. VERNIQUET. M.B., Ch.B.

Port Medical Officer of Health.

